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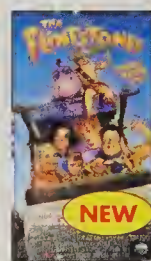
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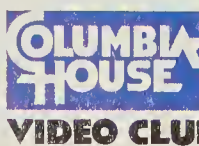
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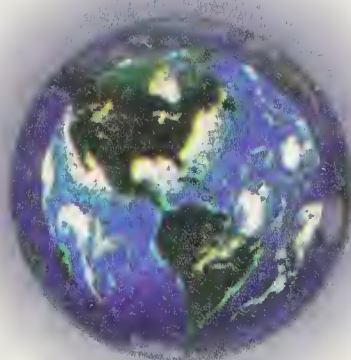
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"Redbuds," an acrylic painting by Lowell Hayes. "At times the mountains can be as colorful as some tropical paradise," he says. "Here are redbuds and young leaf buds by a Watauga lake that's bluer than the sky. Spring colors make far off mountains seem to glow." Hayes is represented by Steinway Gallery, 1800 E. Franklin St., Chapel Hill, NC 27514. (919) 942-8780.

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Lumbee wannabe

Thanks so much for the article on the Lumbee people [February 1995]. I had been told by my aunt that our people came from Manteo and the Croatan Sound area. I also had been told that we were Sioux. I am light-skinned with green eyes, but my great uncle was bronze-skinned with dark eyes. I am interested in getting more information on the Lumbee people.

R. Roger Rose ("White Hawk")
Rte. 1, Box 122
Pantego, N.C. 27860

A good source of information on Lumbee people is the American Indian Resource Center, Pembroke State University, Pembroke, N.C. 28372. (910) 521-6266.

New cookbook

A reader in Sparta informs us that Mount Carmel Church in Roaring Gap has published a cookbook with more than 836 recipes. It is available for \$11.75 postpaid from the Women's Missionary Union, c/o Blaina Nunley, 408 Memorial Dr., Sparta, N.C. 28675.

Lost your pet?

Glenda Walters and Kathy Mendenhall of Davidson County ["Dogs Don't Just Disappear," January 1995] are interested in hearing from others who suspect that their pets were stolen. They can be contacted at P.O. Box 624, Welcome, N.C. 27374.

Hunter to the rescue

J. McLoughlin of West End wrote to praise Darrell Hunter, manager of Energy Services at Randolph Electric Membership Corporation, who diagnosed an indoor air problem at the McLoughlin house. It was a problem involving grit in the air, and Mr. McLoughlin suspected the heating system. Two heating service agents, however, had been unable to solve the problem. Mr. McLoughlin figured, "If you have a real problem, call the light company." He did, and Darrell Hunter came to the house, found leaks in the duct system and suggested some simple repairs. Mr. McLoughlin says his system works very well now, and he was impressed by Hunter's attitude and ability. "Thanks to people like Darrell Hunter we stand a chance of solving real problems," he said.

One way to keep your electric bill from rising



By Gary A. Whitener

Here is one sure way to keep your electric bill from going up: Tell your representatives in Congress not to sell the PMAs.

PMAs are power marketing administrations, created by the federal government to market power generated at the big hydroelectric dams the government has built over the years.

Now the federal government wants to sell four of these PMAs to private business and use the income to help balance the budget. Seems smart, doesn't it? But not if you consider the consequences.

I am all for balancing the federal budget, but I know there are better ways than by selling the PMAs. I can explain.

Selling four PMAs is expected to bring \$3.7 billion into the federal treasury, according to the Clinton administration. That's a one-time payment. Once sold to the highest bidder the PMAs would bring no revenue to the government. In 1993 alone, the PMAs collected \$3 billion in combined revenue.

Electric cooperatives and municipally-owned utilities paid virtually all of that \$3 billion. We buy power from the PMAs. We pay for the operation, maintenance, personnel and upgrades of the generation and transmission systems, and we are repaying the hydro projects' construction costs, with interest. Our payments over the years made the federal dams possible and gave us flood control, river transport, water supplies, recreation and other benefits besides the electricity. We think it's wrong that the government now wants to sell this public resource to private interests.

When the government created the PMAs it gave not-for-profit, consumer-

owned utilities "first rights" to the power helping them remain competitive with larger, well-funded private power companies. Such an arrangement would collapse if the PMAs are sold, and that means a rate shock to consumer-owned utilities.

Of North Carolina's 28 electric co-ops 25 buy power from a PMA: the Southeastern Power Administration (SEPA) that runs the Kerr Philpott Dam on the Virginia-North Carolina border, among many others in the Southeast. Power from SEPA supplements what we buy from our power supply corporation, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation. If SEPA is sold, it would cost the state's electric cooperatives \$23 million to replace that power for one year. That means your rates will rise.

Nationwide, we figure there would be an immediate 10 percent, across-the-board rate hike among 17 million electric co-op consumers.

This means, in effect, the government would raise your electric rates.

It also means the government would upset the competitive balance among electric utilities.

Please contact your representatives in the House of Representatives and the Senate and let them know that you understand the purpose of federal PMAs: you believe in that purpose, and the government should not sell off this investment. ●

Gary A. Whitener is manager of the 49,000-member Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation. He also is vice president of the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation and chairs the cooperatives' Statewide Executive Committee.

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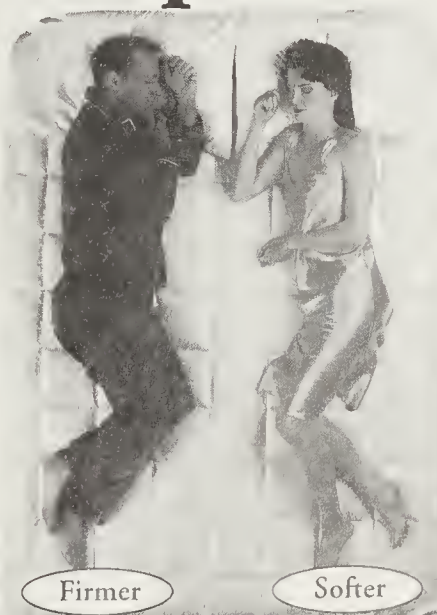
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Southern Appalachia is known for its natural riches: fertile valleys, quality minerals, breathtaking vistas, perfect water. The area also is known for its culture. Appalachian mountain people have produced music, stories and styles that are envied, appreciated, studied and imitated worldwide.

Loyal Jones and Billy Edd Wheeler are experts on Appalachian cul-

ture. They founded in 1990 the summer Festival of Appalachian Humor at Berea College in eastern Kentucky. They authored four books on the region's folk humor. And they are magnets for stories about Appalachian people. Kenneth Israel, a director of Haywood Electric Membership Corporation, is one of the contributors to their collection.

"Hale fak, boy! Time's wastin'!"

Appalachian humor strikes again

By Loyal Jones and Billy Edd Wheeler

While the stories they collect and tell have a certain Appalachian stripe to them, Jones and Wheeler point out that humor binds people the world over. And humor often has a familiarity to it wherever it rises.

Appalachian oldtimers and newtimers together adopt a view of self-confidence, and from time to time they humbly allow others to see just how confident they are. They may make fun of themselves, or of visitors, in the process. But they smile all the while.

Here is a sampling of stories from "More Laughter in Appalachia — Southern Mountain Humor," a new book by Loyal Jones and Billy Edd Wheeler. They are reprinted here with permission of the publisher. The book will be distributed this spring by August House Publishers.

The Lord Is With Me

The preacher was on the old Asheville-Marshall highway going to a revival meeting on a dark rainy evening. He was running late, and on the right and left were high rock cliffs. Below the cliffs on the left was the French Broad River. The preacher came up behind a car, and there was no place to pass. The driver of the car was drunk and was weaving from one side of the road to the other. The preacher tried to pass, but each time the drunk would weave over onto the other side of the road. This went on for what seemed like hours. Finally, the preacher speeded up and swept around the drunk. His car skidded and went off the road, rolled completely over, and landed upright against a tree on the river's edge.

The drunk realized something was wrong. He stopped his car and staggered back to the place where the preacher's car had gone off the road. He peered over the bank and yelled, "Shay, is everything all right down thar?"

The preacher, realizing he was not dead, said, "Yes."

The drunk asked, "Are you alone?"

The preacher responded, "No, the Lord is with me."

The drunk said, "Well, tell him to come ride with me before you kill him."

Kenneth Israel
Candler, North Carolina

Poker-Tail

A tourist stopped by a country store and found three men and a bluetick hound playing poker.

He said, "Does that dog really understand poker?"

"Yeah, he does," said one of the players, "but he ain't any good at it. Ever' time he gets a good hand, he wags his tail."

Loyal Jones; Berea, Kentucky

The Devil Goes to Church

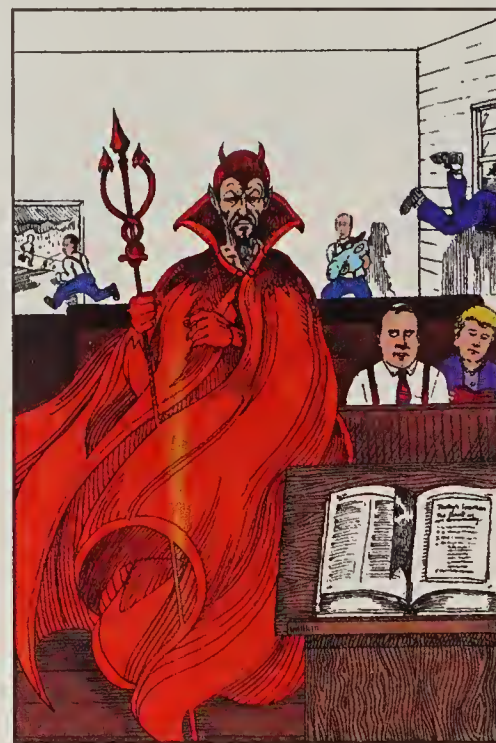
We got to wanting to have a masquerade party. We'd heard about them and they sounded like fun. So we decided to have one and we picked out a fellow's house and we were going to meet at his house on Halloween and have that party.

He lived way out in the country and I had to walk a long ways. I dressed up like the Devil and started down the road, but a rain-storm came up and I needed a place to get in out of the weather. So I darted into a little building by the side of the road.

It just so happened it was a little country church, and they were right in the midst of a big revival meeting! Law, you can imagine what a commotion it caused when I jumped up in the door, with my red Devil outfit on, my horns on the top of my head and my pitchfork in my hand!

They went out of doors and windows — any way to get out. One old boy up toward the front jumped up to run, but got his coattail caught in the seat and couldn't get away. He wheeled around and throwed up both arms and said, "I've been a member of this church for going on twenty-five years, but I've been on your side all along!"

Carl Hurley; Lexington, Kentucky
(From "Curing the Cross-Eyed Mule," August House, 1989.)



Moveable Dog

A policeman called into the station and said, "There's a dead dog on Willihatchie Street."

The dispatcher asked, "How do you spell Willihatchie?"

The policeman said, "I'll call you back."

In a little while he called back and said, "That dead dog's on Lee Street."

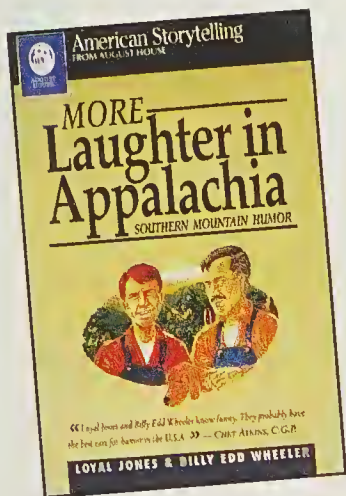
Bernie Peace;
Wheeling, West Virginia

Year-Round Entertainment

A summer visitor from Florida to the Great Smokies met a mountain man, and he asked, "Whatever do you people do here in winter?"

The mountaineer replied, "Oh, we talk and laugh about the summer people."

Loyal Jones
Berea, Kentucky



About the Book

More Laughter in Appalachia" is available in paperback for \$10.95. Ask for it at bookstores or order from August House Publishers, P.O. Box 3223, Little Rock, AR 72203. (800) 284-8784.

The book is 224 pages and includes over 300 stories, plus riddles, songs, a 19th-century sermon, a backwoods political speech, a comical arrest warrant, and a serious talk about mountain humor.

Loyal Jones and Billy Edd Wheeler collaborated on the successful first collection "Laughter in Appalachia," (now in its 11th printing). Jones is a North Carolina native who directed the Appalachian Center at Berea College, Kentucky, for 23 years. Author of seven books and many articles, he is retired and working on more books. Wheeler is a writer whose songs have been recorded by Neil Young, Kenny Rogers, Judy Collins, Johnny Cash and others. He lives in Swannanoa, N.C.

Don't Forget the Condominiums

A sixth grade boy was asked by his father if he was receiving sex education at school, and he said he was.

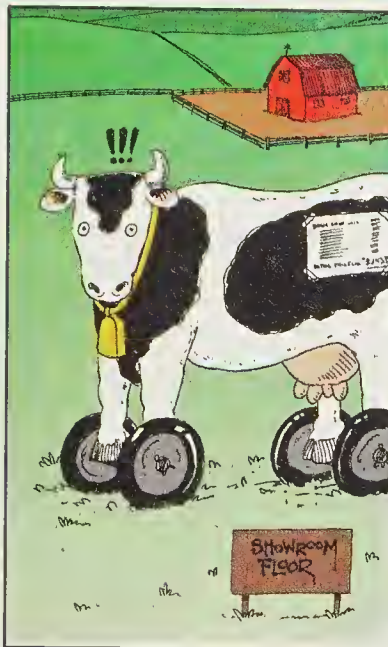
"What have you learned?" his father asked.

"Well, I've learned to buy condominiums and to avoid intersections," he said.

Noel Stephens
Berea, Kentucky

Cow Accessories

The local car dealer, who was known to have taken advantage of several people in the community, informed a farmer that he was coming over to purchase a cow. The farmer priced the cow as follows:



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Howard White
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Whatever Pleases

A bald man named "Skin" headed a construction crew for an electric cooperative. While supervising a job, he was engaged in conversation by a bystander. Pausing in their talk, the bystander cut a big wedge of chewing tobacco from a plug, and then he offered a piece to Skin, who was known for his abhorrence of tobacco in any form. He answered emphatically,

"No, I'd just as soon go to the chicken house and rake some off the roost and put it in my jaw."

The tobacco chewer considered that statement briefly, spat a streak of amber and said, "Well, now, I reckon it's just what a man gets used to."

Hugh Chance
Jonesville, Virginia

Progress

A farmer who lived a way back in the hills had a twenty-one-year son who'd never been to town. The old man figured it was time to learn the boy a thing or two about modern life. So they hitchhiked into the city. They marveled at the electric lights and the three- and four-story skyscrapers, and presently found themselves inside a large department store.

They looked over to one wall, and there was a big set of jaws with an arrow on top that went from one to four. Every now and then the jaws would open and close. The old man was really outside of his element and had no idea what the contraption was, but he didn't want to let on how ignorant he was. So he and the boy just stood there and watched.

About that time, up waddled an old fat woman. She pushed the button, the jaws opened, she stepped in, and the jaws closed behind her. The arrow went from one to two to three to four, then back to three to two to one. They opened and out stepped a trim young woman about twenty-five. She pranced past the two men with a smile.

As soon as she was out of sight, the old man took off his hat, hit his son on the head with it, and said, "Hale far, boy! Time's wastin'! We got to go git Maw and run her through that thang!"

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Other lesser-known tools that can contribute to a cleaner and safer environment include electric fireplaces, countertop water distillers, and carbon monoxide sensors.

The ElectroTechnology Marketing Group, based in Chevy Chase, Md., is determined to get the message about clean electric tools to consumers nationwide. Based on a body of research conducted by the Edison Electric Institute, the Electric Power Research Institute, and Mills, McCarthy & Associates, the ElectroTechnology Marketing Group has published *The Clean Switch™*, a catalog of 40 such electric tools and equipment.

Carolina Electric Cooperatives, the network of North Carolina's electric cooperatives, has copies of the Fall 1994 *Clean Switch™* catalog available free to co-op members. Carolina Country readers may order the free catalog by calling the office in Raleigh. (See calling instructions, page 9.)

Items from The Clean Switch™ catalog are available in many retail stores, such as lawn and garden centers, hardware stores and electronics stores. Call your local dealer for price and availability.

They are also available to Carolina Country readers for a limited time by special mail-order arrangement. There is no sales tax to North Carolina residents who order through this offer. Items must be paid with check or money order made out to The Clean Switch and mailed to Electrotechnology Marketing Group, 6900 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 700, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Here are some samples from The Clean Switch™ catalog.



The Clean Switch™ Vapor Cleaning System™

Employs the same technology that changed industrial and commercial cleaning. It handles like a canister vacuum cleaner, but shoots out pressurized, high-temperature steam to dissolve grime off floors, tiles, ovens, tools, furniture, toys, even jewelry. Vapor droplets can reach tiny cracks and crevices. The vapor cools to room temperature six inches from the nozzle. It uses three cups of water, not chemical detergents. *Clean Switch™* direct order price is \$265 plus \$13.95 for shipping.

Cordless Vacuum Cleaner

The BOSS Lite™ electric vacuum cleaner made by Eureka has no cord or dual-belt system. It is a full-size cleaner that handles dusting or floor and carpet cleaning. Fully-charged, it runs for 15 minutes and charges on a wall mount. *Clean Switch™* direct order price is \$54 plus \$6.95 for shipping.

Rechargeable Lantern

This new Lighthawk lantern matches gas lantern brilliance but without the hazards of flame and carbon monoxide. A dimmer switch controls the bright halogen light. Rechargeable from a household outlet or car lighter, the Lighthawk holds a charge for a year. Includes red lens for roadside warning and amber lens to repel insects. *Clean Switch™* direct order price is \$50 plus \$6.95 for shipping.

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Unlike filtering systems that often leave behind bacteria and chemicals, the Tapworks™ Distiller purifies drinking water through distillation. Fill it from your tap, and it heats water electrically to

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212 degrees F. Steam is condensed back to 99% pure water. Makes a gallon overnight for less than 30 cents. Eliminates lugging home expensive bottled water, as well as the environmental impact of making and disposing of plastic containers, not to mention emissions from trucking all those bottles. Clean Switch™ direct order price is \$109 plus \$8.95 for shipping.

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The Tote Power™ allows you to draw up to 100 watts anywhere. Powerful storage battery and special circuitry provides DC or AC power. Runs a 13-inch color TV for an hour. Recharges in five hours from a household outlet, three hours from a car or boat. Shuts off automatically when fully charged and includes a low-charge indicator, jumper cables for car or boat battery boost, AC charging adapter, and DC recharger cable. Clean Switch™ direct order price is \$160 plus \$10.95 for shipping.



Cordless Mulching Mowers

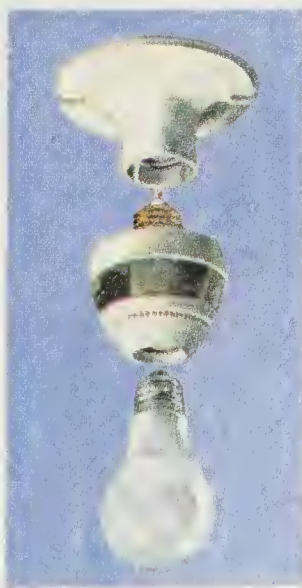
Clean, quiet, maintenance-free mowers do not spew emissions.

The Black & Decker™ cordless convertible mulching mower weighs 60 pounds, has an 18-inch blade and runs up to an hour and a half on a single charge—enough to cut a quarter-acre lawn. Battery recharges to 75% in three hours, fully in 20 hours. Converts to non-mulcher. Handle-grip start. For a free video, call Black & Decker at (800) 762-6672. Clean Switch™ direct order price is \$310 plus \$17.95 for shipping. (Non-mulching model with bag is \$235 plus \$17.95 for shipping.)

Ryobi's Mulchinator™ weighs 75 pounds and has a 24-volt battery, 90-minute run time and power to mulch a half-acre on a single charge. The 18-inch blade propels grass particles down to the soil. Built-in meter monitors power. Folding handle. Clean Switch™ direct order price is \$308 plus \$17.95 for shipping.

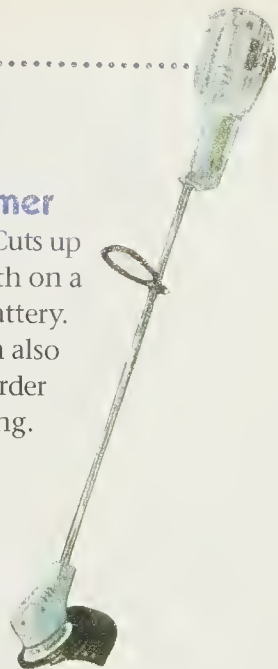
Hands-Free Light Socket

First Alert™ Motion-Sensing Hands-Free Socket senses your approach and automatically turns on the light. Light remains on as long as the motion sensor detects activity in the room and turns off approximately 4 minutes after you leave the area. Ideal for walk-in closet, utility room, basement. Senses motion within 360 degrees and a 15-foot radius. No need to look for a switch or pullstring. Use with a ceiling-mounted, porcelain bare bulb light socket. Rated for 25W to 100W incandescent bulbs. UL listed. Clean Switch™ direct order price is \$34 plus \$4.95 for shipping.



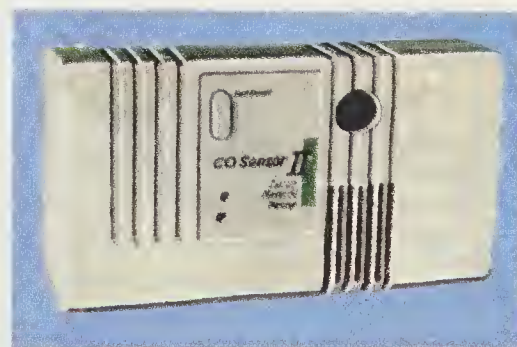
Ryobi Cordless Weed Trimmer

No loud noise or exhaust fumes. Cuts up to a mile in 10-inch cutting path on a single charge. Powered by 12-volt battery. Weighs 10 pounds. Charging station also stores battery. Clean Switch™ direct order price is \$95 plus \$6.95 for shipping.



High Pressure Washer

Karcher™ Dirtblaster hooks up to standard garden hose. Powerful electric motor boosts water pressure up to 1,000 pounds per square inch, reducing overall water use by 80%. Comes with 35-foot power cord and 24-foot pressure hose. UL listed. Weighs 18 pounds. For outdoor use. Clean Switch™ direct order price for 1,000-psi model is \$192 plus \$10.95 for shipping.



CO Sensor II™ Carbon Monoxide Detector

A good idea for households with gas appliances. No need to hire a tester to detect dangerous carbon monoxide indoors. This electronic device continuously monitors air inside and sounds an alarm if dangerous levels are detected. Plugs into a 110-volt outlet and requires no batteries. Conducts self-diagnosis every 2½ minutes. Sensor modules never need replacing. Place it by central furnace and in the bedroom area. Recommended by Consumer Product Safety Commission and American Lung Association. Clean Switch™ direct order price is \$55 plus \$6.95 for shipping.

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Call for The Clean Switch™

Carolina Country readers may receive a free copy of The Clean Switch™ catalog that lists all 40 products. Call (800) 662-8835 any time, 24 hours per day. You will hear a recorded greeting, and anytime during the recording enter extension 299. Give us your name and mailing address.

You also may fax your request for The Clean Switch™ (813) 19) 878-3970. Or write us at Carolina Country, P.O. Box 2700, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.



The Handyman's Log

or

Why do today what you can put off until tomorrow?

By Warren Dixon

One of the first things the true handyman learns is to keep a detailed log of everything done around the house. A log can prove valuable in many ways. You can keep track of supplies purchased, equipment used, jobs you've begun and the dates they were finally finished by professionals.

The log is also handy in answering certain questions that may come up concerning repairs, as when the plumber asks, "Who wrenched this shower head off its threads?" or in court when the lawyer wants to know, "What brand of mortar did you use on the defective steps that broke under the considerable weight of said plaintiff?"

A quick glance at the log, in these cases, will reveal that the pages in question have been inexplicably jerked out of the book.

To help the occasional do-it-yourselfer better understand the workings of the handyman's log, I have included an excerpt from mine here. My log consists of several well-worn notebooks filled with detailed information on home improvements, dates of tetanus shots and scores of Redskins games. This particular section concerns the subject of painting which my wife agreed that I would start as soon as possible.



APR 21 Wife suggests exterior of house may need painting merely because it is beginning to peel. I tell her that to save money, I will do it myself. Wife requests to know approximate date job will begin. I tell her that I will get right on it.



JUN 10 Wife requests definition of phrase "get right on it." I explain to wife that summer has been exceptionally hot and attempt to point out the futility of painting in hot weather.



AUG 18 Upon somewhat unreasonable prodding by wife, I go to outdoor shed to check painting equipment. Find two paint brushes stuck together in bottom of can. Skillfully pry them apart and pour turpentine on them. Brushes are slightly more stiff than garden rake.



NOV 10 Upon rechecking painting equipment, find that turpentine has already evaporated. Pour more turpentine on brushes. Brushes have loosened to the flexibility of whisk brooms. Notice that step ladder rung is broken and make mental note of same.



JAN 5 (10 a.m.): Wife suggests we pick out color of paint. I attempt to show her the futility of painting in cold weather. (10:01 a.m.): Go to home building supply to pick up paint chart.



MAR 9 While performing annual car cleaning chores, find paint chart wadded up under car seat along with Phillips head screw driver needed March 8, a comb and 32 cents.



MAY 11 Under no small amount of duress from wife I return to building supply and purchase caulk gun, paint scraper and handy stir stick. Inform wife that work will begin once NBA playoffs are over.



JUL 4 Wife requests to know exact length of NBA season.



AUG 17 (11:00): Discuss with wife the futility of painting in dry weather. (11:01): Locate caulk gun, scraper, handy stir stick and wadded up paint chart in trunk of car. Retrieve two brushes and slightly damaged step ladder from outdoor shed.



AUG 18 Stepdaughters complain that we will be taking our week's vacation after they have returned to college. Wife informs them that we are taking off to paint house. Stepdaughters understandingly agree that we need time to ourselves. One requests to leave for college early.



AUG 31 I point out to wife that stepladder rung is in need of repair and that I will get on it.

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SEP 3 Painting contractor estimates that he can paint house within two weeks. I offer him the handy stir stick. Wife mentions that electric dryer is not working properly. Calls Sears.

Catawba Nuclear Station Unit 1 in York County, S.C. completed a station-record run of 393 consecutive days of producing electricity on Feb. 12. This capped a stellar 1994 performance for the station.

North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, the power supply arm of the Carolina Electric Cooperatives network, owns a 28 percent interest in the Catawba station, considered among the top-rated nuclear generating plants in the world.

"Keeping a piece of machinery as complex as an electric power plant running continuously for 13 consecutive months is truly a mark of excellence for our employees," said Dave Rehn, Catawba's site vice president.

During the record-breaking run, the Catawba unit produced more than 8 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity, enough to power more than 500,000 homes for the 13-month period.

Rehn noted other achievements at Catawba during 1994:

- Unit I had the third highest production of electricity in the country by a nuclear power generating unit, according to figures compiled by McGraw Hills "Nucleonics Week," an industry publication.
- Also according to "Nucleonics

Week's" figures, Catawba Unit 1 ranked seventh best in the country for its capacity factor, or producing electricity as much of the time as possible. The 1994 average capacity factor for nuclear power units in the U.S. is 73 percent, while the capacity factor for Catawba Unit 1 was 97.8 percent.

Catawba generating station completes record run



- Catawba Nuclear Station ranked number one in the country in thermal efficiency, based on U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission statistics. Thermal efficiency is getting the most electricity possible out of the fuel.

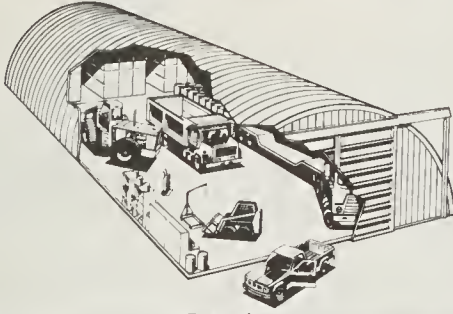
Catawba Nuclear Station is a twin-unit power plant located on Lake Wylie, near Rock Hill, S.C. Each of its units can generate electricity at the rate of 1,129 megawatts. Catawba Unit I began commercial operation in 1985, and Unit 2 in 1986. Other joint owners are Duke Power Company; Saluda River Electric Cooperative, a generating and transmission cooperative that delivers energy to five distribution co-ops in South Carolina; and two agencies that serve municipal systems in both Carolinas.

Currently NCEMC is pursuing plans to build a 450-megawatt, combined-cycle, natural gas-fired power plant that also will serve cooperatives in the central and western part of the state.●

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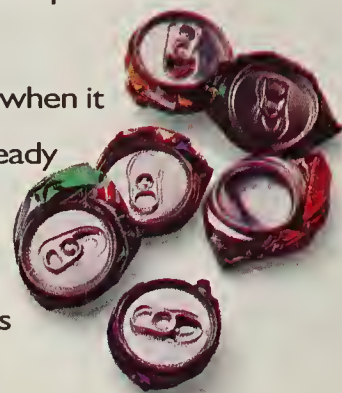
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North Carolina news you can use.

Learn about freshwater wetlands

The newest permanent exhibit at the State Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh is "Freshwater Wetlands," showing wetland plants and animals in naturalistic habitats.

Three years in the making, the exhibit teaches visitors about six types of freshwater wetlands in North Carolina. Interest is expected to be high, says exhibit coordinator Barbara Beaman, not only because wetlands are so much in the news these days, but also because the exhibit itself is so engaging.



The Roanoke River diorama.

Visitors will experience river wetlands, marshes, savannahs, pocosins, seasonal wetlands and mountain bogs. The centerpiece is a walk-through diorama of the Roanoke River bottomlands in the spring. It features sounds, special lighting effects and plant and animal specimens.

The museum will offer companion educational materials for teachers, libraries, community centers and museums throughout the state.

For information, contact the State Museum of Natural Sciences, P.O. Box 29555, Raleigh, N.C. 27626. (919) 733-7450.

Aging without apology

A Chapel Hill senior citizen has published a guide to aging offering encouragement, affirmation and practical ideas.

Entitled "Aging Without Apology: Living the Senior Years With Integrity and Faith," the book by Robert E. Seymour Jr. says elder adults can find spiritual growth, new opportunities and genuine happiness.

Seymour is a retired Baptist minister in Chapel Hill, active in senior organizations and recipient of the 1994 George L. Maddox Award from the state Department of Human Resources for his role in developing the Chapel Hill Senior Center. He wrote the award-winning "Whites Only: A Pastor's Retrospective on Signs of the New South."

Published by Judson Press, the book is available for \$11 in bookstores or from Judson Press, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482. (610) 768-2118.

Know a winning turkey recipe?



The 1995 N.C. Turkey Cooking Contest will accept entries of recipes through June 1. A total of \$1,900 in cash prizes will be awarded to five finalists. The finalists will be invited to a cook-off on Sept. 14 in Raeford.

Judges will be looking for recipes with taste, appeal and easy preparation that use a pound of fresh or fully cooked turkey meat and serve four to eight people.

Send for order blanks and rules, or just write your name, address and phone number on each recipe entered and mail to Turkey Contest, N.C. Turkey Federation, 4020 Barrett Drive, Suite 102, Raleigh, N.C. 27609.

Toll-free advice on energy efficiency

Individuals and businesses may contact a new toll-free service for information and assistance regarding energy efficiency and renewable energy.

The Customer Service Center of the U.S. Department of Energy will give advice ranging from home insulation to efficient appliances to solar technologies. Information will be current and in the form of brochures or personal, technical consultation.

The hotline operates 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at (800) 363-3732. Also, ask about the on-line bulletin board accessible by computer.

Window decals for vets

U.S. military veterans with wartime service may display their honor with a new window decal developed by a Pennsylvania World War II veteran.

Each VetSignia is a 2 by 4-inch sticker, black lettering on silver metalized film, with an American flag background. There are 25 different decals available for four major wars (WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf) and five services (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy).

Veterans who served in peacetime may order a sticker that shows branch of service.

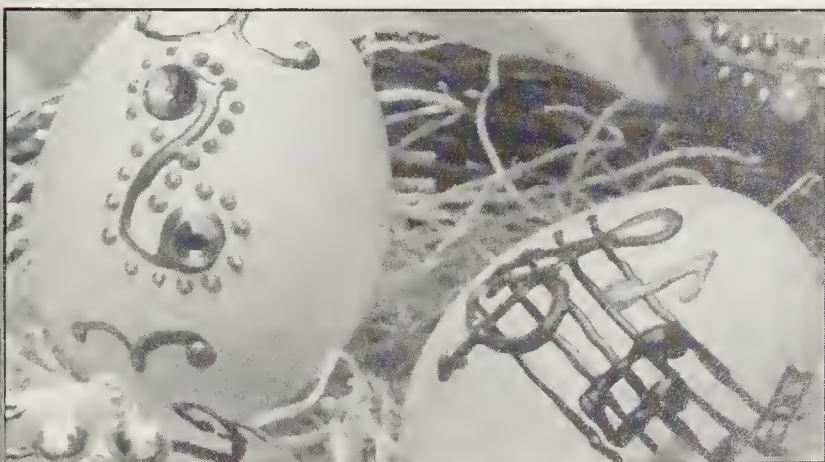
Requests should include name, address, war served in and branch of service. The cost is \$4 each (three for \$10) postpaid. Contact Bob Kline Distr., Box 382, Blue Bell, PA 19422. Phone (610) 277-1171.

Protecting coastal habitats

The North Carolina Coastal Land Trust works with landowners to acquire critical coastal habitats and conservation lands. Projects include the following:

- Old rice plantations, streams and islands along the lower Cape Fear River to provide habitat for migratory and resident waterfowl.
- Bluffs and floodplains along the Neuse River in Craven County that hide remnants of pre-settlement cultures.
- Limesink ponds and Carolina Bays where soils produce habitats for rare plants and animals such as the pine barrens frog.
- Rock outcrops and caves along blackwater streams in Jones and Onslow counties.
- Swamp forests on the North Landing River and in Great Dismal Swamp where deer and black bear roam freely.

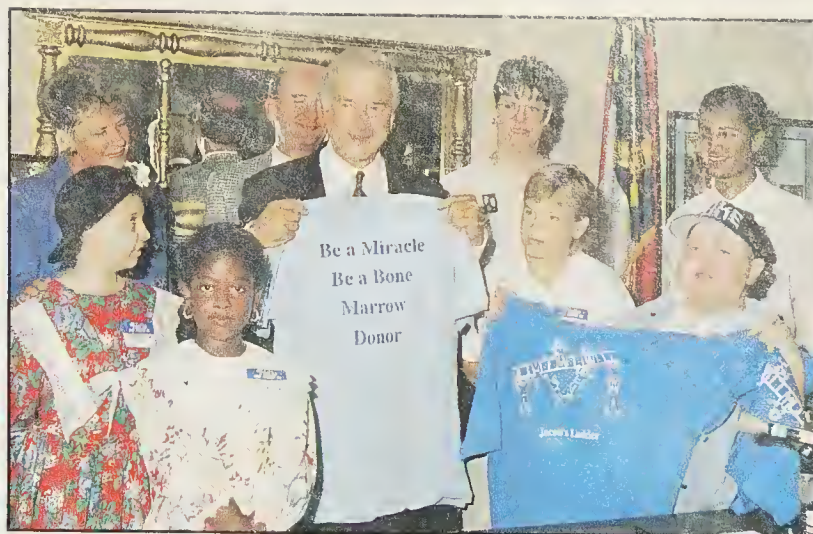
For information, contact N.C. Coastal Land Trust, The Cotton Exchange, 313 North Front St., Suite A, Wilmington, N.C. 28401. Phone (910) 763-0332.



Egg decorating ideas available

The North Carolina Egg Association will send you egg decorating ideas for Easter or anytime. Ideas include turning household craft scraps into egg decorations, coloring eggshells and making natural dyes. A pale green dye, for example, can be made from fresh spinach leaves.

Contact N.C. Egg Association at 1150 SE Maynard Road, Suite 130, Cary, N.C. 27511. Phone (919) 319-1195 for fax (919) 319-1196.



Gov. Jim Hunt supports Marrowthon 95 and is shown with state residents who either received or await bone marrow transplants.

Bone marrow donors needed

The Red Cross of the Carolinas and the National Marrow Donor Program need volunteers in central North Carolina willing to register as bone marrow transplant donors.

Volunteers in good health between ages 18 and 55 will donate a small sample of blood so they can be tested before joining the national registry of donors. Testing will take place on June 29 at sites in Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, Fayetteville and Goldsboro.

The national donor program says that about 30,000 people nationwide are diagnosed each year with a fatal blood disease such as aplastic anemia and leukemia. Their only hope for a cure is a bone marrow transplant. Only 25 percent of them can find a match within their families. The others depend on strangers. About 9,000 die each year because they cannot find a match.

For information about the June 29 testing, call Marrowthon 95 in Raleigh at (919) 878-0965.

North Carolina Award nominations

Nominations for the North Carolina Award will be accepted until April 28. The award is the highest the state gives to civilians and is intended to honor North Carolinians who have contributed to the state in the fields of science, fine arts, literature and public service.

Nominations should include biographies, resumes and letters of support. Direct them to Betty Ray McCain, Secretary of Cultural Resources, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, N.C. 27601.

Tow service supports kidney research

North Carolina residents can have a used car towed away and support kidney research at the same time through a program offered this year by the National Kidney Foundation of North Carolina.

The foundation has arranged with Price's Auto and Raleigh Auto Parts to tow cars and auction the cars or their parts. Proceeds benefit kidney research and education programs. Donations may be tax deductible.

Call (704) 552-1351 in Charlotte or toll-free (800) 368-3636. The foundation's address is 5970 Fairview Rd., Suite 308, Charlotte, N.C. 28210.

Books

by Peggy Howe



Little known
new books.

The Honest Account of a Memorable Life: An Apocryphal Gospel

Reynolds Price; 55 pages

Learning from one of his assignments to his class at Duke University (in which the professor and students participate alike), acclaimed author Reynolds Price retells the life of Jesus, using the stories of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John side by side in a single account.

Price explains the new volume and his assignment: (despite the fact that)"we have the four impressive gospels and the thousands of attempts on Jesus that have crowded libraries for the past two millennia -- is that the life and its effect on history are so magnetic in their mystery as to demand ceaseless watch and question."

In 20th century novel style, Price makes the characters real -- recreating the "feel" of the experience in sensuous details, revealing his characters' innermost thoughts. He describes such events as Joseph's feelings at Jesus' birth; Peter's thoughts at the top of Mount Herman; and Mary Magdalene's distress at the empty tomb on Easter morning.

Limited to 700 copies, the book is available in hardcover for \$50 (signed and specially bound) or \$25 (regular) from North Carolina Wesleyan College Press, 3400 North Wesleyan Boulevard, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27804. (919) 985-5182.

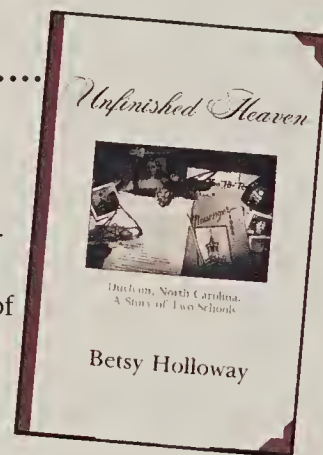
Unfinished Heaven: A Story of Two Schools

Betsy Holloway; 324 pages

A native's informal stroll through the history of two schools: Carr Junior High and Durham Senior High. This is a nostalgic look back to a fascinating but simpler time, an absorbing glance back to when Durham High was the proud centerpiece of the town as well as the envy of the state. Woven into the community's life, Durham High was considered the finest in the state with its outstanding teachers, honor students, state champion debaters and award winning athletes.

Interwoven are vignettes of Durham itself, including its people, industry and its unrest during the uneasy '50s racial climate and its joyous 1953 centennial celebration. Illustrations include photographs, postcards and selections from the high school's nationally recognized newspaper.

Available at bookstores for \$23.95 or from Persimmon Press, P.O. Box 536531, Orlando, Fla. 32853-6531.



A Simpler Place A Simpler Time

Odis G. Stephenson; 71 pages softcover

Based on the author's personal experiences of growing up as a North Carolina tenant farmer's son, the heartwarming stories in "A Simpler Place A Simpler Time" will take readers back to their own rural backgrounds in a simpler time, when a man's word was his bond.

Homey reminiscences range from descriptions of "the worst whipping I ever got" for thoughtlessly hurting a man's feelings to young love to neighbors' acts of kindness that were returned a hundred fold--each lesson is one many of us learned at our own fathers' knees and those that Odis Stephenson "never forgot."

Available for \$9.95 at area bookstores or from Triangle Books, Research Triangle Publishing Co., PO Box 1223, Fuquay Varina, N. C. 27526.

Dirty Ankle is Far From Bath, N. C.

Henry King; 203 pages

"Who said there ain't no such places?"

From Aararat to Zoar, North Carolina has a multitude of crossroads with peculiar names. And the reasons for the names sometimes are even more curious. Henry King describes the strange stories surrounding these names. Volume II, subtitled "How 50 Carolina Crossroads Got Their Curious Names," is an entertaining and informative book about these little-noted but honest-to-goodness villages and communities that exist in the Old North State. Travelers can crisscross the state and stop at Tally Ho, Cash or Big Lick. Also look for Daddyville, Laboratory, Sandy Mush, Ether, Shacktown or Thanksgiving.

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Available from the author for \$14.95 plus \$2.50 tax and postage. Write: Henry King, Box 202, Franklinville, N.C. 27248.



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Davidson EMC invests in Lexington industrial park

Davidson Electric Membership Corporation is a partner in a new industrial park in Lexington. Working with a non-profit development group of local business people and the city of Lexington, the co-op is investing in a 207-acre site near Interstate 85 and the Lexington Municipal Airport.

Davidson EMC General manager Wayne Wilkins said "This is another opportunity for us to help Lexington and Davidson County attract new industry, which will increase the economic development here in the county."

Members confident in Harkers Island co-op

More than 250 members of Harkers Island EMC attended a special meeting in late January to discuss issues related to merging with Carteret-Craven Electric Cooperative. A non-binding straw vote was taken before discussion of the issues for members unable to attend the entire meeting, and another vote followed the discussion. In what amounted to a vote of confidence in business as usual, the total straw vote count was 17-33 against pursuing merger.

PrimeWatch TV dishes sell like hotcakes



PrimeWatch, Inc. in Enfield reports steady business selling DBS (direct broadcast satellite) television systems.

A subsidiary of Halifax Electric Membership Corporation, PrimeWatch holds the first and only North Carolina franchise for DirecTV —advertised widely on TV on recent months— and has been installing the 18-inch receiver throughout the state since July.

The receiver itself costs about \$940 (installed) for the least expensive set-up. In some cases, consumers can install the hardware themselves.

Programming costs from \$21.95 to \$29.95 per month, depending on what channels a consumer chooses. The programming, called DirecTV, brings viewers a multitude of TV channels, plus first-run, pay-per-view movies. The dish receiver is capable of pulling in more than 150 channels.

PrimeWatch is not the only place to buy the dish receivers. Local electronics dealers throughout the state may sell them, too. But PrimeWatch is the only dealer associated with a North Carolina electric cooperative.

Consumers interested in the DBS system may call PrimeWatch to learn about it and receive an information brochure about the programming. PrimeWatch sells the 18-inch receiver and can arrange for installation through its statewide network of certified installers. Call PrimeWatch at (800) 775-0068.

A new office in Oakboro

Union Electric Membership Corporation has opened its new Oakboro office and warehouse. It is a 10,000 square-foot facility that houses office personnel fleet equipment and inventory, plus a large meeting room available for community functions.



The new Oakboro district office displays the green and white colors of Union Electric.

Oakboro district manager Jimmie Seay noted that 30 years ago, Union EMC served some 3,000 accounts in Stanly, Cabarrus and Rowan counties, and today there are more than 11,000. The Oakboro district is projected to grow by 7 percent during the next five years.

Union EMC serves more than 31,000 members systemwide. Headquarters are in Monroe, Union County.

Co-ops pay taxes to state, counties and towns

Four County Electric Membership Corporation paid more than \$327,000 in county and town ad valorem taxes in 1994, reported Edward E. Brown Jr., general manager of the electric cooperative. Payments were made to Bladen, Pender, Duplin, Sampson, Columbus and Onslow counties and to the towns of Burgaw, Elizabethtown, Rose Hill, East Arcadia, Tarheel, Greenevers, Teachey and Garland.

Brown pointed out that "even though it is a not-for-profit organization, Four County EMC does pay gross receipt taxes to the State of North Carolina, as well as ad valorem taxes, just like the investor-owned utilities and every other business."



Photos courtesy of N.C. Dept. of Cultural Resources

Dr. Brown delivers a lecture. Girls are on one side of the hall, boys on the other.

Charlotte Hawkins Brown: a mentor for all seasons

By Jennifer L. Durham

Charlotte Hawkins Brown (1883-1961) was a pioneering and tireless educator in North Carolina during a time when educational opportunities for black children generally were scarce and poorly funded.

Dr. Brown's accomplishments over 50 years at her Alice Freeman Palmer Memorial Institute in Guilford County earned her the undying devotion of her students and the surrounding communities. Her methods were ahead of her time, and she instilled spirituality, courtesy and generosity among those who listened to her.

Today, the heart of Palmer Institute and its remaining buildings form a state historic site administered by the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources.

Lottie Hawkins was born in Henderson and soon moved with her family to Massachusetts. Before graduating from high school there, she changed her name to Charlotte Eugenia.

At age 18, the American Missionary Association offered her a teaching position in her native state, where she returned in 1901 to teach at the Bethany Institute near Greensboro. The school closed after her first year, but Charlotte was determined to establish her own school.

She went to Massachusetts to seek donations and even sang in seaside resorts to earn money. Returning to North Carolina in 1902, she found for her school 15 acres and a log blacksmith's shop in Sedalia donated by Rev. Manual Baldwin. She converted the place into classrooms, a living room, kitchen and

sleeping quarters for 15 girls and two teachers. That November, the Alice Freeman Palmer Memorial Institute opened its first session, named for Charlotte's benefactor and friend who also was the second woman president of Wellesley College.

Palmer's curriculum centered on agriculture and manual training. Most students came from the local community. Of the three to graduate in the first class in 1905, two went into teaching and one into farming.

The \$5 per month tuition covered only a fraction of the costs, and many students could not afford even that small sum. Palmer relied on donations to survive.

Students cooked and cleaned, working at chores an hour each day. They attended Bethany Congregational Church, helped at weekly prayer services, and sang in the choir. After Palmer purchased 250 acres of farm land, students raised their own food, too.

Charlotte Hawkins married Edward Brown in 1911 at the age of 29. The marriage dissolved later when Edward grew dissatisfied in Sedalia.

The school expanded its classes in liberal arts, languages, science and dramatics. Elementary education was eliminated. Palmer evolved into an elite institution that prepared African-American youth for college. Increasingly, students matriculated from across the country. Tuition rose to \$800 per year by the late 1950s, and 90 percent of the graduates pursued further education. Extracurricular activities blossomed; students participated in sports and worked on "The Palmerite," the school yearbook.

Two fires, one in 1917 and the other in 1922, ravaged two main buildings. Using community help and 225,000 student-made bricks, Charlotte Brown built the Alice Freeman Palmer Building to replace them as the center of campus. It eventually housed a chapel, movie theater, library, music room, classrooms and administrative offices. By 1935, Palmer's campus consisted mainly of handsome brick buildings, including dormitories, a dining hall and classrooms.

Brown's work in the local community earned her the nickname "The Mayor of Sedalia." Palmer's home economics students staffed a nursery for working mothers. A new eatery, the Tea Room, taught students about running a business. Dr. Brown (she earned several honorary degrees) often spoke to multiracial groups of women, advocating equality in education, integrated public schools and improved working conditions.

Charlotte wrote two books. A novelette, "Mammy" (1919), contrasted the devotion of black servants to white masters' disrespect and neglect. "The Correct Thing To Do, To Say, To Wear," published in 1941, outlined codes of proper etiquette and behavior for men and women.

Charlotte Hawkins Brown insisted on good manners and decorum, and did not deviate from her mission to enable young people to become "educationally efficient, religiously sincere, and culturally secure." One student said, "We thought she would never die." But she did at age 78 and is buried on the Palmer campus near Canary Cottage, the bright yellow building she called home. The school would continue for 10 more years under three successors.

In early 1971, fire again brought disaster—this time gutting the Alice Freeman Palmer building. Classes resumed briefly, but, burdened with debt and increasingly out of step with changing times, Palmer closed. Integration lessened the need for Palmer, and the rebellious spirit of the 1960s contributed to discipline problems. Nearby Bennett College purchased

the campus and later sold 40 acres of the main campus to the American Muslim Mission.

More than 1,000 students had graduated from Palmer in its 69 years.

Maria Cole, who is Charlotte Brown's niece and widow of singer Nat King Cole, and her friend Marie Gibbs, a graduate of Palmer, were determined not to let Brown's accomplishments go unrecognized. In 1982, Gibbs and feminist leader Marie Hart began organizing Palmer alumni and securing support. Subsequently, they met with the N.C. Division of Archives and History to consider a memorial.

A year later, the state legislature approved North Carolina's first state historic site honoring an African-American and a woman. Maria Gibbs and a group of citizens also formed the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Historical Foundation.

Finally in 1987, the state opened the Palmer campus as a 40-acre historic site. The buildings today are in various stages of restoration.

The site hosts special workshops and activities, including an African-American Heritage Festival in June, programs on local role models in February, an anniversary program in November and a

Christmas open house.

The Charlotte Hawkins Brown Historical Foundation sponsors activities connected with the memorial, including a yearly banquet, and helps support the site.

The Charlotte Hawkins Brown Memorial is located in Sedalia, east Greensboro, off I-85/I-40. From Nov. 1 to March 31, it is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. From April 1 to Oct. 31 hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. Admission is free. Call (910) 449-4846 for more information. ●

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"Be sure to have hat, gloves and purse" when shopping.

Excerpts from "The Correct Thing To Do, To Say, To Wear," by Charlotte Hawkins Brown, 1941.

The habit of being one's best self daily in the little courtesies at home, to those nearest to one, so establishes the individual's expression of fine and gracious personality that meeting a stranger at any time has, for him or her, neither fear nor dread.

Don't get up in the morning with a "grouch." Always greet each member of the family with a cheerful "good morning" and maintain a sunny disposition throughout the day.

When you are going out, let someone know where you may be found and when you may be expected to return.

Keep up an interesting conversation in which all persons at the table are included.

Pickles should be eaten with the fork from the plate.

How may bones or seeds be removed from the mouth? With the fingers.

Don't make a habit of laughing at the mistakes of others. This often hinders a person from doing his best.

Do not argue with or contradict the teacher in class. If you think that she has made a mistake, wait until the hour is over and discuss it with her quietly at the desk.

Bow your head and close your eyes during a prayer or the singing of "Amen" at the end of a hymn.

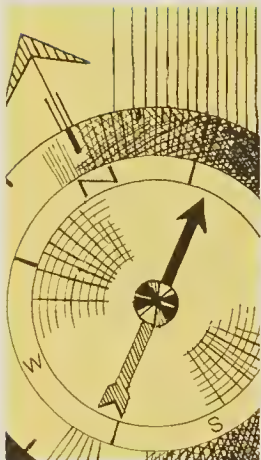
Do not use the theatre for petting. Public petting is always in bad taste.

A boy should not sit during a dance while there are girls whom he knows that are not dancing.

Do not carry paper packages unless absolutely necessary. Never carry a package wrapped in newspaper.

Do not talk constantly about one's self unless one has been invited to entertain the group with some of his personal life and interests.

Here, There and Everywhere



Across North Carolina.

Home and Garden Tour

April 6-9, Charlotte

A self-guided tour of six homes and six gardens, organized by the Mint Museum. Also, a decorative arts symposium with nationally recognized speakers and an international moveable feast. Contact: Phyllis Melton, (800) 693-6066.

Lost in Yonkers

April 6-9, Lumberton

Pulitzer prize-winning play by Neil Simon presented by Robeson Little Theatre. Tickets are \$6, senior citizens \$5 and students \$3 at the box office on performance nights. Robeson Little Theatre, Inc., P.O. Box 613, Lumberton, N.C. 28359.

Homes & Gardens Tour

April 7-8, New Bern

Ten homes, two private gardens, 10 historic churches, landmark public buildings and the formal gardens of Tryon Palace. Also features doll house displays, local artists' work, and an early Bible exhibit. Free trolley service. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance, \$15 on tour days. Contact: (919) 638-8558.

Amish Quilt & Craft Sale

April 7-8, Raleigh

Over 400 Amish quilts, plus wall hangings, pillows, dolls, toys, furniture, artwork, rugs and books from the craftspeople of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. At the N.C. State Fairgrounds. Contact: Jane Benton, (717) 786-8487.

Dutch Festival

April 8, Terra Ceia

Tour the Terra Ceia flower farm and enjoy Dutch food, games and music. Children's games, rides and a petting zoo. Klompen dancing and other entertainment throughout the day. Proceeds support Terra Ceia Christian School. Contact: Kathleen Hubers, (919) 935-5032.

Spring Festival

April 8, Union Grove

7th annual day-long festival includes parade, food, crafts, car show, entertainment and fun for all ages. Sponsored by Union Grove Ruritan Club, P.O. Box 93, Union Grove, N.C. 28689.

Tulip Festival

April 8-23, Reidsville

Spring gardens featuring thousands of tulips, dogwoods, azaleas and more. Special events scheduled throughout the two-week celebration. At Chinqua-Penn Plantation. Call (910) 349-4576.

Kiln Opening

April 14-16, Seagrove

Over 50 potters in a 15-mile radius will open their kilns for this special weekend. Potters will display their works at each individual shop. Contact: Spring Kiln Openings, (910) 873-7304.

Haliwa-Saponi Pow-Wow

April 14-16, Hollister

Festival of Native American dancing, singing and drumming, the crowning of the tribal princess and a dance competition. Also, Native American traders and traditional food. Contact: Barry Richardson, (919) 586-4017.

All-Star Jazz Jam

April 15, Winston-Salem

Featuring performances by all-star Triad musicians. Tickets are \$14, \$12 for students and senior citizens. Contact: Bobbie Everhart, (910) 723-6320.

"The Messiah"

April 15, Pantego

The Terra Ceia Community Choir will present Handel's Easter portion of the "Messiah" at 8 p.m. at the Terra Ceia Christian Reformed Church. Call (919) 943-2957.

Musical Tale of Peter Rabbit

April 20, Winston-Salem

Thirteen puppets tell the story of Peter Rabbit. At the Stevens Center. Adults, \$10; students and senior citizens, \$8. For tickets or more information call (910) 721-1945.

Dogwood Festival

April 20-23, Farmville

Entertainment, music, arts, crafts and a hot air balloon rally. For a detailed schedule of events call (919) 753-5814.

Loch Norman Highland Games

April 22-23, Charlotte

Celebration of the Scottish heritage featuring heavy athletics such as battle ax, caber tossing and wrestling. Sheep dog exhibitions, Scottish dancing, band and piper competition, Celtic folk singing and playing competitions, crafts, books, music and all kinds of food. Tickets are available in advance or at the games. Contact: Nina Wallace, (704) 875-3113.

Deadlines

Deadlines for submitting notices to "Here, There and Everywhere."

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We welcome photos and illustrations of coming events. Send notices to Calendar, Carolina Country, P.O. Box 27306, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.



Terra Ceia Dutch Festival, April 8.



Home and Garden Tour organized by the Mint Museum, April 6-9.



Seagrove kiln opening, April 14-16.



Smoke on the Mountain

April 21-23, 27-29, Lincolnton
 A gospel comedy set in Mt. Pleasant in 1938. At the Lincoln Cultural Center at 8 p.m. Call (704) 732-9058.

Civil War Conference

April 21-23, Durham
 North Carolina: The Civil War "Connection" will focus on the war in North Carolina and its impact on soldiers, African-Americans, women and the state's residents as a whole. Tom Wicker, Rod Gragg and John Hope Franklin are featured speakers. Contact Continuing Education at East Carolina University, (800) 767-9111.

Old Salem Spring Festival

April 22, Winston-Salem
 See what it was like to have lived in Salem 200 years ago. Soapmaking, shoemaking and spring cleaning demonstrations will be performed throughout the day. Hands-on activities include sheep-shearing, using flint and steel to start a fire, and making clay pipes. Contact: Linda Benzie, (910) 721-7329.

International Day

April 22, Winston-Salem
 A day of multi-ethnic activities: Arts, crafts, demonstrations, foreign-language performances and an international menu of food. Contact: Blanche Carter, (910) 750-3152.

School of the Arts

April 22, Winston-Salem
 Community Day" is when the school's on-campus performance facilities will be open to visitors. Also featuring a matinee of a Stephen Sondheim musical. Contact: Marla Carpenter, (910) 770-3337.

Home and Garden Tour

April 22-23, Hillsborough
 Featuring historic homes, inns, churches and public buildings as well as a Revolutionary Battle Reenactment. For tickets or more information call, (919) 732-8648.

"Steel Magnolias"

April 28,29,30; May 5,6,7 Mocksville
 At Brock Auditorium. Presented by Davie Theatre Company. For reservations call, (704) 634-3998.

Beaufort Music Festival

April 28-30, Beaufort
 Beaufort-by-the-Sea festival of bluegrass, jazz, classical, rock, Cajun, beach, oldies, big bands and Dixieland jazz music at five performance sites in the historic district. Contact: BBPA Music Festival, (919) 728-6894.

Family Fun and Fitness Fair

April 29, Hickory
 Fitness, sports and wellness activities. Features professional sports personalities, a bicycle rodeo and a 5K and one-mile run for all ages. At Lenoir-Rhyne College. Contact: the Catawba Valley Area Girl Scout Council, (704) 328-2444.

Doll Show and Sale

April 29, Concord
 Antique and modern dolls and related items. Door prizes and a raffle. Sponsored by the Golden Dolls at the National Guard Armory. Contact: Rebecca Edgison, (704) 436-6451.

Market Day

April 29, Durham
 An old-fashioned celebration of spring with historic craft demonstrations and vendors with 19th century-related crafts. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact: Helen King, (919) 477-5498.

Dean's Choice program

April 27, Winston-Salem
 N.C. School of the Arts special features "Room Service" and a demonstration of the fine art of "slapstick." Demonstration begins at 12:30 p.m. Call (910) 770-3203.

Harmony Hall Reunion

May 6, Bladen County
 Entertainment, food, games Exhibits and crafts. Harmony Hall Plantation is located on SR 1318 between N.C. Highway 53 at White Oak and N.C. Highway 87 at Tar Heel. Call (910) 866-4256.

Sheepdog Trial

May 6-7, Carthage
 Sheepdog trials featuring border collies and their handlers maneuvering sheep through a series of obstacles in a farm-like setting. Shootout champions will be judged in various classes from novice to the open ranch dog. At the Moore County Fair Grounds. Admission is \$3. Contact: Tammy Coyne, (910) 464-3781.

Ongoing

Dale Chihuly Exhibit

Through May 13, Charlotte
 The Jerald Melberg Gallery presents "The Tiffany of the late 20th century," an exhibition of the work of Dale Chihuly, an internationally acclaimed glass artist. Contact: Jerald Melberg Gallery, (704) 365-3000.

New Ways for Old Jugs

Through May 14, Southern Pines
 Jugtown Pottery presents "News Ways for Old Jugs: Tradition and Innovation." Twenty-five percent of sales will benefit the Moore County Historical Association. Contact: Jugtown Pottery, (910) 464-3266.

Elvis & Marilyn

April 15-June 30, Charlotte
 Pop culture art exhibit, "Elvis & Marilyn: 2x Immortal" looks at the world of Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe, 1955-1993 by 107 artists from Warhol to Christo. At the Mint Museum of Art, (704) 337-2003.

Children's Drawings

Through July 9, Raleigh
 "The Eye of Childhood: Children's Drawings Collected by Robert Coles," features 30 drawings by children of varied backgrounds. The exhibit explores the influences of personal experiences on a child's emotional and intellectual development. Admission is free. At the N.C. Museum of Art, (919) 833-1935.



Over 100 works of art about Marilyn and Elvis in a new exhibit at the Mint Museum.



Joyner's Corner

by Charles Joyner



Interstated.



Hay Fever Season

Oriental verse

I feel a sneeze coming on –
Excuse me – HAIKU!*

*HAIKU – an unrhymed Japanese poem of three lines containing five, seven and five syllables respectively, referring in some way to one of the seasons of the year.

– Webster's Third New International Dictionary



Traveling I-40

The interstate highway I-40 traverses North Carolina from the east coast into Tennessee. All 20 of the towns and cities listed below lie along the route. Can you rearrange them in the proper geographical order from east to west?

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BURLINGTON
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WARSAW
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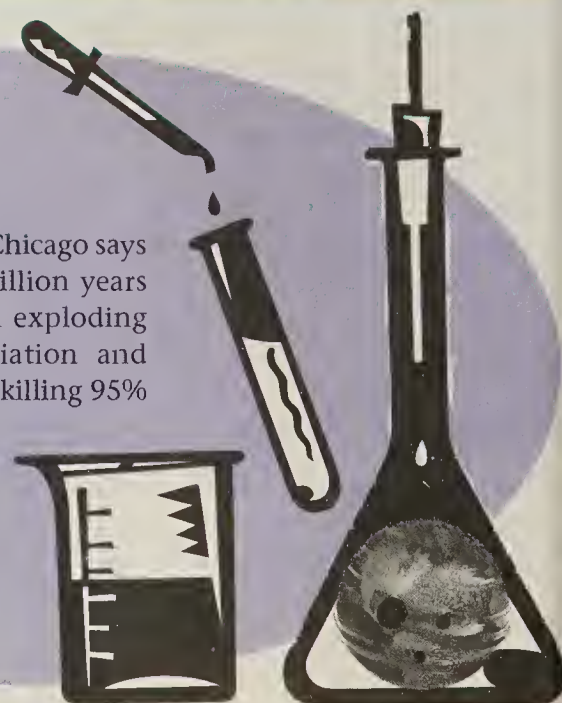
WATERVILLE

Answer on page 30.

Quote of the Year

An astrophysicist at the University of Chicago says a mass extinction on Earth 225 million years ago may have been caused by an exploding star that zapped the planet with radiation and stripped away the protective ozone layer, killing 95% of all species.

To which a NASA contract scientist employed by Geo Eco Arc Research at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory had this to say: "It sounds theoretically possible, but I know of no evidence to support it. To be useful it would have to be tested."

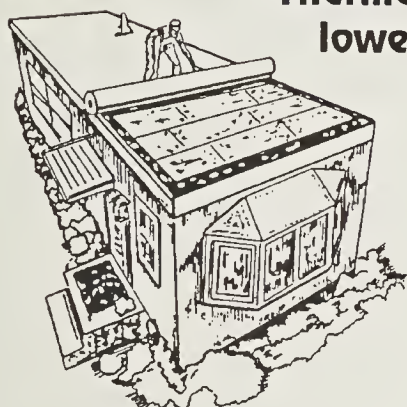


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Hank's Gardening Guide

by Hank Smith



April defines outdoor gardening pleasure.

Much of the success of the summer garden and lawn depends upon what is done this month. It's time to groom spring-flowering shrubs and bulbs, mulch newly-planted trees and shrubs, finish dividing over-crowded perennials, repair winter storm damage to the garden, begin the fertilizing program, set out plants, and mulch-unmulch-remulch garden plantings.

Vegetables

If you don't have a good sunny spot for a vegetable garden, try growing a few vegetables in the flower bed. Example: "caged" or staked tomato plants as the tall background plants behind intermediate and low-growing annuals. Or, you can edge a bed of annual flowers with carrots to lend their fern-like foliage. Or try growing vegetables in large containers placed where they will receive at least six hours of sunlight each day.

Repotting houseplants

If house plants have not been repotted, now's a good time to get the job done.

First, check the root system to see if repotting is needed. Water the plant well, knock gently out of the pot and inspect the root system. If roots are crowded and matted on the outside of the root ball, the plant needs repotting into a larger pot. If, however, roots are not visible, the plant probably has a weak root system and should be repotted into a pot of smaller size.

Divide mums

Now's an excellent time to dig and divide chrysanthemums, particularly the hardy mums. They do best when started from new plants each year. You can get new plants by dividing the crowns now.

Pruning

Examine spring-flowering trees and shrubs after they have completed blooming to see if pruning is needed. To encourage pine trees to form bushier, more compact growth, shorten tip growth (often called "candles of pines").

Feeding

As blooms begin to fade, fertilize spring-flowering trees, shrubs and bulbs. For woody ornamentals, use a complete fertilizer—one with nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. For fruit and nut trees, a high nitrogen fertilizer is best. Bulbs need a high phosphorus fertilizer to encourage bulb growth and development for next year.

Starter solution for a quick takeoff

To reduce transplanting shock, give transplanted seedlings a starter solution. You can purchase ready-mixed starter fertilizer; or make it by dissolving three level teaspoons of an 8-8-8 or comparable analysis fertilizer in a gallon of warm water.

To give fertilizer time to dissolve, make the mixture several hours before it is to be used. Pour a cupful around each newly set plant. This also drives out air pockets, making for a good close contact between roots and soil in the planting hold.

Let clematis go alkaline

Although most shrubs and vines prefer slightly acid soils, clematis vines prefer a slightly alkaline or neutral soil. This type soil does not appear naturally in many areas. If your soil is on the acid side, pamper your clematis vine by applying a cup of agricultural lime to the soil surface around an established vine. A newly planted vine needs only half a cup. Work lime lightly into soil and water well. This one application should be adequate for three to five years. Hardwood ashes may be substituted if you work them into the soil each spring.



Annual phlox

Annual phlox is high on the list of showy annuals to spice up the landscape. Few flowers are more showy or brilliant in color.

For an extended blooming period, plant seed three or four times from April through June. Phlox also may be seeded in the fall. As with many bedding plants, phlox is best when planted in masses. If you've a controlled-color plan in the landscape, secure seed in separate colors rather than mixed. While phlox appreciates a fertile soil, it is not fussy about the kind of soil in which to grow. It grows best in full sun, but will tolerate an area which is shaded no more than three hours a day.



Timely chores

1. If not already done, fertilize azaleas with a balanced fertilizer, or use special azalea and camellia fertilizer mix.
2. It's too late to transplant ball-and-burlap trees and shrubs. Wait until fall.
3. Prune early-flowering shrubs such as the spireas, forsythia, flowering quince and camellias as they complete flowering.
4. Fertilize shrubs and trees with 8-8-8 or 10-10-10, use about two pounds per 100 square feet.
5. Fertilize roses and begin black spot and mildew control.
6. Finish dividing perennials. Apply water as they are planted.
7. Finish pruning tea, floribunda and grandiflora roses.
8. Plant flowering bulbs as can-nas, tuberose, calla lilies and gladiolus as soon as soil is warm and not soggy.
9. After camellias and azaleas bloom, prune away any dead wood.
10. In mid-April, plant tomatoes, green beans, cucumber, cantaloupe, watermelons, turnips and squash. It's too early to plant okra and peppers.
11. Plant annuals for summer color.
12. Mow fescue lawn to approximately three inches high.
13. If you spray your fruit trees, ask your local county Extension office for a spray schedule.

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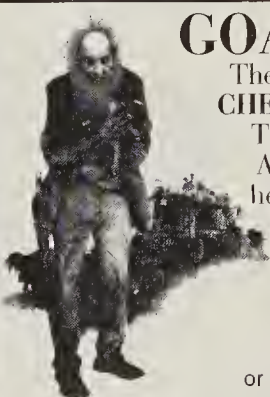
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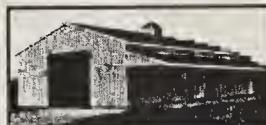
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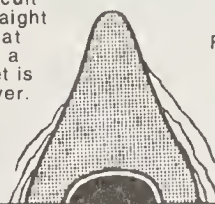
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Unorthodox merchandising concept revived a failing company

The makers of Burma-Shave had barely introduced their unorthodox advertising signs in 1926 when the merchandising concept was used to attract new capital that brought the company back from the brink of failure.

After producing a liniment that never caught on, the Burma-Vita Co. began concentrating on Burma-Shave, a brushless shaving cream, and promoted it with distinctive highway signs. The concept was so simple it drew scoffs from the advertising experts of that era: Use homespun style rhymes to promote the product on a series of five flat, painted boards spaced along the roadside, with the product name and logo emblazoned on a sixth.

Travelers on Route 26 near Lakeview, Minn., saw the first set of such signs as a curiosity. But the owners of the Minneapolis company were able to attract new investors by promoting the signs as a ticket to soaring sales. The pitch proved to be prophetic: sales rose from almost nothing to \$68,000 within the first year. The highway signs quickly went up throughout Minnesota and neighboring states. Within four years, the company's eight sign crews had erected 6,000 sets of signs in 33 states. Later the rhymes appeared in a dozen other states. Rural landowners were eager to rent space for the signs and pick up

yearly lease fees of \$5 to \$25.

Initially, most of the rhymes were written by Allan G. Odell, the son on one of the company's founders, who had suggested the idea of using the signs. Other members of the family also penned rhymes. Then the company began promoting the signs themselves by soliciting rhymes from the public. Cash prizes were awarded for jingles that were used on the signs.

As the rhymes poured in from all over the country, Odell reviewed them with a sharp eye to maintain the company's squeaky-clean image. Here are a couple of rhymes that didn't pass muster with him:

**The other woman
In his life
Said,
"Go back home
And scratch your wife"**

**Listen, birds
These signs
Cost money
Roost awhile
But don't get funny**

Burma-Shave

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Is some cow's

That old bull

Means go slow

Cattle crossing



Most of the early signs carried rhymes about the marvels of brushless shaving in general or Burma-Shave in particular:

The bearded lady	The shaving brush
Tried a jar	Has had its day
Now he's	So why not
A famous	Shave
Movie star	The modern way

Another common theme for the rhymes was traffic safety:

If daisies	Violets are blue
Are your	Roses are pink
Favorite flower	On graves
Keep pushing up	Of those
Those miles per hour	Who drive and drink

The signs were removed from the highways in the 1960s after the Philip Morris Company bought Burma-Vita. Now, they're making a comeback in Iowa as a nostalgic reminder of a bygone era.

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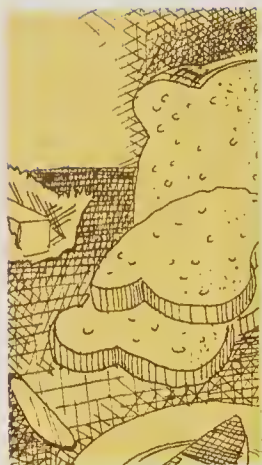
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